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E.O. 21652: N/A
TAGS: EFIN, RW
SUBJECT: WERTHEIM TEA PROJECT

REX: (A) STATE 236163; (B) KIGALI 1180

1. ARCHER OF SIRT MET WITH MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE NZAMURAMBAHO AND OCIR/TEA DIRECTOR RIBANJE OCTOBER 6. MINAG QUESTIONED ARCHER AND RIBANJE CLOSELY CONCERNING CIRCUMSTANCES OF RIBANJE'S LETTER OF SEP 29, CANCELLING MARKETING AGREEMENT WITH SIRT. ARCHER REPORTS THAT MINAG CLEARLY WAS SYMPATHETIC TO SIRT POSITION, CONCLUDING MEETING WITH REMARK THAT CONTRACT MUST REMAIN IN FORCE. RIBANJE, WHILE REPORTEDLY ON DEFENSIVE, MAINTAINED THAT HE HAD MADE HIS DECISION AND DID NOT INTEND TO CHANGE IT. THUS ARCHER LEFT MEETING STILL UNCSRTAIN EXACTLY WHAT HAD BEEN DECIDED.

2. FACT IS HOWEVER THAT RIBANJE'S CANCELLATION DECISION REMAINS IN FORCE UNTIL FURTHER ACTION TAKEN. THERE HAS BEEN NO INDICATION THAT MESSAGE FROM BIRARA ET AL (REFTEL A) HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY RWANDAN OFFICIALS; MESSAGE CERTAINLY HAS NOT BEEN ACTED UPON. (ARCHER REFRAINED FROM REVEALING HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THAT MESSAGE TO NZAMURAMBAHO AND RIBANJE.)

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3. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT REFTTEL A MESSAGE TO RIBANJE FROM RWANDAN DELEGATION OFFERS "REACTIONS" ONLY; IT DOES NOT INSTRUCT RIBANJE, PRESUMABLY BECAUSE RWANDAN DELLACKS AUTHORITY TO DO SO. MINAG PRESUMABLY HAS SUCH AUTHORITY, BUT IS NOT YET CLEAR WHETHER HE HAS CHOSEN TO EXERCISE IT. WE MUST REGRETFULLY INFORM YOU, THEREFORE, THAT IT IS PREMATURE TO SAY THAT PROJECT IS BACK ON TRACK.

4. COMMENT: AS WERTHEIM AND OPIC ALREADY AWARE, TEA PROJECT IS SOMETHING OF BEHIND-THE-SCENES POLITICAL FOOTBALL AMONG RWANDAN POLICYMAKERS, FOR REASONS NOT CLOSELY RELATED TO VIRTUES OF PROJECT ITSELF. THAT IS WHY REASON CANNOT BE COUNTED UPON TO PREVAIL IN LATEST DUSTUP. STILL, IT IS PROBABLE THAT AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSION PRESSURE ON RIBANJE, AND DELAY, MARKETING CONTRACT WILL BE REINSTATED WITH ONLY LIMITED DAMAGE TO LONG-TERM PROSPECTS FOR PROJECT'S SUCCESS.

5. EMBASSY EXPLORING WAYS OF GIVING EFFECTIVE SUPPORT TO WERTHEIM POSITION, IN ORDER TO SPEED UP FAVORABLE RESOLUTION OF PRESENT SITUATION. WE WILL REPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

6. DRAFTER: CHARGE/LESSER.
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